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TAGS: ETRD, PN

SUBJEVQ: ELIGIBILITY FOR DUTY EXEMPTION UNDER GSP FOR SHIPMENT  
OF SUGAR

REF: STATE 42804

1. SHIPMENT OF ABOUT 1,500 TONS RAW SUGAR WHICH ARRIVED NEW ORLEANS FEBRUARY 29 AND DISCHARGED MARCH 1 WAS, ACCORDING TO PANAMA EXPORTERS DENIED DUTY-EXEMPT STATUS BY U.S. CUSTOMS DUE NON-AVAILABILITY DOCUMENTS, ESPECIALLY FORM A, WITH CARGO. MR. A.R. CHIARI OF LA ESTRELLA SUGAR MILL, THE PRODUCER, ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE AIRMAILED FEBRUARY 24 TO CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, NEW YORK BUT APPARENTLY WERE DELAYED IN MAIL TO AGENTS LAMBORN AND GODCHAUX IN NEW ORLEANS. MR. CHIARI REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNICATING VERIFICATION THAT FORM A ISSUED HERE FEBRUARY 23 AND IN REQUESTING FAVORABLE RECONSIDERATION BY U.S. CUSTOMS.

2. IN VIEW OF NEWNESS OF GSP PROGRAM, AND OBVIOUS MAIL AND OTHER TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WHICH CAN ARISE DURING IMPLEMENTATION, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO SECURING GSP EXEMPTION THIS CASE. EXPORTER SECURED NECESSARY FORM A (VERIFIED WITH PANAMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OFFICIAL ISSUING AGENCY), AND SHIPMENT ARRIVED PRIOR TO MARCH 1 CUT-OFF UNDER COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATION, REPORTED REFTEL. DELAY IN TRANSMITTAL DOCUMENTS BELIEVED TO HAVE OCCURRED IN TRANSIT BETWEEN BANK, AGENT AND BROKER AND APPARENTLY NOT DUE ANY OVERSIGHT BY PANAMA EXPORTER.

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